

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 23-20483-ALTMAN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

SOMJEET CHRISTOPHER SINGH,
GAVIN HUNTER, *and*
MICHAEL JARRETT,

Defendants.

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AMENDED TRIAL ORDER

The Defendants—Somjeet Christopher Singh, Gavin Hunter, and Michael Jarrett—have filed an Unopposed Joint Motion for Continuance of Trial (the “Motion to Continue”) [ECF No. 250].

The Government does not oppose the motion. *Id.* at 2. In the Motion to Continue, the Defendants ask us to continue the trial. In support, they say:

The On July 10th, 2025, the Government filed a Superseding Indictment adding two (2) additional Defendants (Davindra Ramanan and Michael Jarrett) and charging Defendants Avin Seetaram, Somjeet Christopher Singh and Gavin Hunter with additional criminal offenses. (See D.E. #201); On July 17th, 2025, Defendant Michael Jarrett was arraigned on the Superseding Indictment. (See D.E.#222); On July 22nd, 2025, Defendants Avin Seetaram, Somjeet Christopher Singh, and Gavin Hunter were arraigned on the Superseding Indictment. (See D.E. #s 226, 229 and 232); Defendant Davindra Ramanan is presently scheduled for Arraignment and Report regarding Counsel for Friday, August 15th, 2025; On August 7th, 2025, Defendant Avin Seetaram was severed and the Government announced that they wanted to try him first. (See D.E. #241); This Court, in granting the Motion to Sever Defendant Avin Seetaram, reset his trial to commence on September 30th, 2025. (See D.E. #236); Based on the added Defendants and additional charges, undersigned counsel will require additional time to prepare for trial; Undersigned counsel conferred with attorney Marshall Dore Louis, who represents Defendant Gavin Hunter, and attorney Juan J Michelen, who represents Defendant Michael Jarrett, who join in this Motion to Continue the trial and each Defendant waives his right to a Speedy Trial; That Assistant United States Attorney Abbie Waxman has represented that she does not oppose this requested continuance nor the scheduling of a Status Conference to address scheduling issues.

Id. at 1–2.

Having carefully reviewed the Motion to Continue, the Court agrees (for the reasons set out in that motion) that the parties need and deserve more time. Specifically, the Court finds, under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), that the ends of justice served by granting this continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the Defendants in a speedy trial. The Court further finds that, under Section 3161(h)(7)(B)(i), failure to extend the trial period would result in a miscarriage of justice, and that, under 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv), failure to extend the trial period would “deny counsel for the defendant[s] or the attorney for the Government the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence.”

After careful review, therefore, the Motion to Continue [ECF No. 250] is **GRANTED**. The period of delay resulting from this continuance—from the day the Motion to Continue was filed, August 13, 2025, through the new trial date, October 14, 2025—shall be considered excludable time under the Speedy Trial Act. *See* 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(h)(7)(A) & 3161(h)(7)(B). This case is thus set for a **Criminal Jury Trial** at 400 N Miami Avenue, Courtroom 12-4, Miami, Florida 33128, during the two-week period beginning **October 14, 2025**. A **Calendar Call** will be held at **1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2025**, at 400 N Miami Avenue, Courtroom 12-4, Miami, Florida 33128. The deadline for the scheduling of guilty pleas is **October 7, 2025**. *See, e.g., United States v. Gamboa*, 166 F.3d 1327, 1331 (11th Cir. 1999) (citing *United States v. Ellis*, 547 F.2d 863, 868 (5th Cir. 1977)). The Defendants’ appearances are required **at all hearings**.

It is further **ORDERED** that:

1. A **Status Conference** will be held at **1:00 p.m., on Thursday, September 18, 2025**, at 400 N Miami Avenue, Courtroom 12-4, Miami, Florida 33128.
2. All pre-trial motions and motions *in limine* must be filed by **September 23, 2025**. Each party is limited to one motion *in limine*. If there are multiple defendants, the defendants shall file one combined motion. Motions *in limine* may not, without leave of Court, exceed the page limits allowed by the Local Rules.
3. All requests for writs *ad testificandum* must be filed no later than 14 business days before the first day of the scheduled trial period.
4. All responses to the Standing Discovery Order or Local Rule 88.10 shall be provided in a timely fashion in accordance with the dates scheduled by the Magistrate Judge. Noncompliance with the Standing Discovery Order, the Local Rules, or the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure may result in sanctions. Any notice submitted under Federal Rule of Evidence 404(b) shall include a specific factual basis for the evidence the Government wants to introduce.
5. To the extent required by Local Rule 88.9, all motions shall be accompanied by a written statement certifying that counsel for the moving party has conferred with opposing counsel in a good faith effort to resolve by agreement the subject matter of the motion. Email communications shall not be sufficient to constitute conferral.

Counsel must actually speak to one another, either in person or over the phone, in a good faith effort to resolve their disputes.

6. Counsel shall be prepared to conduct limited *voir dire* after the Court's questioning of the panel. At any time before the **Calendar Call**, each party may file **no more than five** proposed *voir dire* questions for the Court to ask of the venire.
7. Before the **Calendar Call**, the parties shall submit, in Word format, *via* e-mail to altman@flsd.uscourts.gov, a single set of proposed jury instructions, including substantive charges and defenses, and a verdict form. For instructions on filing proposed documents, please see <http://www.flsd.uscourts.gov>. Although they need not agree on each proposed instruction, the parties shall submit their proposed jury instructions and verdict form *jointly*. **Where the parties do not agree on a proposed instruction, that instruction shall be set forth in bold type. Instructions proposed only by the Government shall be underlined. *Instructions proposed solely by the defense shall be italicized.*** Every instruction must be supported by citations to authority. Any proposed instruction that *modifies* an instruction from the Eleventh Circuit's Pattern Jury Instructions must *both* note the modification *and* delineate the modification in redline (or track changes).
8. Before the **Calendar Call**, counsel shall file lists of proposed witnesses and exhibits. All exhibits must be pre-labeled in accordance with the proposed exhibit list.

Government exhibits shall be designated numerically; defense exhibits will proceed alphabetically.

9. If any party seeks to introduce transcript(s) at the trial, that party shall exchange those transcripts with *all* counsel **before** the **Calendar Call**. If a transcript cannot be agreed upon, each party shall be prepared to produce its own version for the trier of fact.
10. The Government must turn over to defense counsel all Jencks Act¹ material by the day of the **Calendar Call**. The material shall include a face sheet for defense counsel to sign and date, acknowledging receipt.
11. Upon receipt of this Order, counsel for each defendant shall certify with the Court's courtroom deputy whether that Defendant requires the aid of an interpreter. In addition, all parties must notify the Court, at least 24 hours before any hearings or trial, if an interpreter is required.
12. At least **seven days** before the scheduled trial date, defense counsel must make arrangements with the Bureau of Prisons for appropriate clothing for their in-custody clients.
13. The parties shall comply with Local Rule 88.5, which requires the filing of speedy trial reports every 20 days hereafter until the time of trial or plea.
14. Local Rule 7.1(a)(2) requires that certain motions be accompanied by proposed orders, which must be filed as attachments to those motions. **FURTHERMORE, PURSUANT TO CM/ECF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES,**

¹18 U.S.C. § 3500.

**PROPOSED ORDERS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COURT BY E-
MAIL IN WORD FORMAT TO altman@flsd.uscourts.gov.**

DONE AND ORDERED in the Southern District of Florida on August 13, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Altman', written above a horizontal line.

**ROY K. ALTMAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

cc: counsel of record